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## The Agricultural Labor Relations Board Partners with AgSafe

SACRAMENTO, CA (February 18, 2014) – The General Counsel of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Board will partner with AgSafe and will be one of the primary presenters at AgSafe events throughout the state in 2014. The General Counsel is responsible for investigating and prosecuting unfair labor practices in California's agricultural fields. AgSafe, one of the largest networks of farmers, farm labor contractors, packers, shippers and processors in California, is dedicated to health and safety in the workplace.

"Education is key to preventing unfair labor practices. I recognize the importance of reaching out to the growers, being accessible and transparent, and providing expanded services to facilitate growers' understanding of their responsibilities under the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, and how we can all protect California's farm workers," said Sylvia Torres-Guillén, the General Counsel of the ALRB. "I look forward to the continued success of the ALRB's partnership with AgSafe and to a rewarding year of education and trainings to further our mission of peace and justice in the fields."

"AgSafe is committed to ensuring that both agricultural employers and workers have timely access to the most critical information relative to workplace safety and health. Working in partnership with agencies such as the Agricultural Labor Relations Board ensures we provide this essential information as well as foster open dialogue between stakeholders," said Amy Wolfe, the President and CEO of AgSafe. "We share the General Counsel's enthusiasm for a continued successful relationship and look forward to furthering our mission together."

AgSafe provides training to thousands of agricultural employers, supervisors and farm workers about the safety and health hazards impacting this industry. Their mission is to provide employers and employees in the agricultural industry with the education and resources needed to prevent injuries, illnesses and fatalities, an objective shared by the ALRB General Counsel.

The ALRB partnered with AgSafe starting in 2013. The General Counsel and her staff have presented at monthly trainings to foremen and supervisors throughout the state in Spanish and English regarding agricultural employer's rights and responsibilities under the Act. The General Counsel also presented at the first annual Agriculture Workforce Invested in Safety Education (AgWISE) Symposium in Napa, CA this year, which was presented by AgSafe and the Napa Valley Grapegrowers. The AgWISE Symposium focused on farm work safety, health and human resources issues and was designated specifically for agricultural owners, managers, human resources professionals and supervisors.

For more information, please contact the ALRB General Counsel's Office at (916) 653-2690 or AgSafe at (209) 526-4400. Find out more about the ALRB and learn more about laws to protect farm workers at <a href="https://www.alrb.ca.gov">www.alrb.ca.gov</a>.